Strategies to improve passenger earnings and boosting window sales

1205. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have adopted some strategies to improve the passengers earnings and to boost window sales; and

(b) If so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following are some of the steps adopted for improving passenger earnings :—

(1) Ensuring availability of tickets at all ticket issuing stations.

(2) intensive ticket checking drives to nab passengers travelling without tickets or with unauthorised tickets.

(3) installing mechanised as well as micro-processor based self printing ticketing machines for issue of unreserved tickets.

Railways performance in freight earnings

1206. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what was the Railways performance in freight earning during the first six months of 1992-93 and 1993-94, separately;

(b) whether the Railway achieved the targets;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways to improve their freight operation ?

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Target	Actuals	Variation
1992-93	5,002.03	5,297.80	+295.77 (Excess)
1993-94	6,300.54	5,975.60	—324.94 (Shortfall)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) The Railways performance in freight (Goods) earnings during the first six months of 1992-93 and 1993-94 was as under :

(b) Target was achieved during the first six months of the year 1992-93. However, there was a shortfall of Rs. 324.94 crores, during the corresponding period of the current year.

(c) The original target of 370 million tonnes for 1993-94 had to be revised to 362 million tonnes due to trend of traffic growth below expectations.

(d) Close co-ordination with various user agencies was maintained for better offer of traffic from them.

Introduction of A.C. three tier in rajdhanis Express trains

1207. SHRI ASHIS SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways has decided to introduce A.C. Three Tiers Coaches on different Rajdhani Express trains soon ;

(b) whether free bedrolls would also to be provided to the passengers ; and

(c) If not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir. This service has already been introduced on 2305/2306 New Delhi-Patna-Howrah Rajdhani Express, 2951/2952 New Delhi-Bombay Rajdhani Express and